

Burke Waldron



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Police Chief, Bethel, Alaska
- Captain (retired), Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Manager up to approximately 75 employees and \$3 million budget.
- Leader, mentor, coach, human resource administrator for employees.
- Law enforcement liaison to professional boards and management groups.
- Honest, self-motivated, confident, forward thinking manager.
- Accomplished outdoorsman

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Police Chief, City of Bethel, Alaska, 8/1/17-Current

Manage the day to day operations of the Bethel, Alaska Police Department.

Responsible for the supervision and administration of up to 13 commissioned officers, 2 Community Service Officers, 3 Community Service Patrol Officers, 5 Public Safety Dispatchers, one Dispatch Supervisor and one Administrative Assistant. Manage and Monitor an annual budget of approximately \$3 million. Responsible for human resource decisions, police equipment and office facilities and equipment.

Captain, Detachment Commander, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, 2013-2015

Manage the day to day operations for South Central and Interior Alaska for the Alaska Wildlife Troopers. Responsible for the supervision and administration of approximately 50 troopers and total staff of 75 people. Managed and monitored an annual budget of approximately \$3 million. Responsible for critical human resource decisions such as training and development, staffing levels and placement, as well as personnel decisions such as discipline and promotion. Also, responsible for facilities and equipment management such as office buildings, patrol vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and patrol boats. Lead trainer of wildlife enforcement

Captain, Operations Commander, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, 2007-2013

Statewide commander of operations for the Wildlife Troopers. Responsible for the management of 42 aircraft, including 5 helicopters, and over 40 vessels ranging in size from 25 feet to 156 feet. Responsible for the crafting, negotiating and execution or requests for proposals (RFP) for all purchase and maintenance of these assets. One such proposal exceeded \$4 million. Serve as the law enforcement liaison to the Board of Game, Board of Fish, and the Commercial Services Board (Big Game Guide Board). Attend Board meetings and evaluate proposals and public testimony to provide board members with an assessment of how proposals will impact enforcement. Participate as a team member on negotiation committees for bargaining unit contracts. Statewide management of personnel investigations for the Division including insuring adherence to bargaining unit contracts.

Lieutenant, Deputy Commander, Alaska Bureau of Investigations, 2005-2007

Provide daily oversight and case management for major criminal investigations such as homicides, sexual assaults and major commercial wildlife investigations including undercover operations. Manage the statewide investigative and support staff to include training and

development, certifications and discipline. Also, act as the statewide manager of personnel investigations insuring adherence to bargaining unit contracts.

Sergeant, Wildlife Investigations Unit, 2002-2005

First line supervisor and team leader of investigative unit of 4 investigators and one support staff. Responsible for case management for the unit's major commercial wildlife investigations including big game and sportfish guiding as well large commercial fishing violations. Also, responsible for investigating and managing my own case load. Responsible for scheduling, overtime management, travel coordination and management, training and employee performance evaluation. Involved in personnel investigations and disciplinary decisions as well as employee performance awards.

Alaska State Trooper, 1990-2002

Patrol Trooper for both the Division of Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Wildlife Troopers at various posts throughout the state. Performed traditional police patrol functions such as traffic enforcement, criminal case investigations, death investigations and search and rescue. Also, served as a wildlife trooper patrolling sport and commercial fisheries and game hunting seasons. Was responsible for the safe operation of patrol vehicles, vessels up to 50 feet, snowmobiles and off-road vehicles. Often conducted extended patrols requiring overnight stays in either patrol vessel or camping. Instructed Hunter Education and firearm safety.

Since Retirement in 2015

Gold Miner

Operate a one-man placer mine. Write and submit a detailed mining plan and other administrative functions to qualify for necessary permits and licenses for over 1,500 acres. File end of year and other required reports to respective agencies to remain in compliance. Day to day operations include operating equipment such as excavators, trommels, generators, water pumps and limited use of bull dozers. Operations focused on the recovery of fine gold.

Big Game Hunting Guide

As a contractor to licensed outfitter(s), provide guiding services to paying clients on Alaska Dahl sheep, Alaska Moose and Montana Elk hunts. Hunts conducted both on foot and horseback. Primary responsibility is for client safety throughout the hunt. Guiding services include spotting, and evaluating game animals and appropriate field care of game after taking. Services also include insuring safe gun handling, meal preparation, providing camp facilities, care of horses and even entertainment of clients. Requires excellent communication skills.

EDUCATION

1987- Graduate of Yarmouth Maine High School, inducted into the National Honor Society

1987-1990- Attend University of Alaska Fairbanks, major in Wildlife Management

2006 - **University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute**, Graduate Valedictorian of the Administrative Officers Course focusing on advanced police administration and leadership.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AWARDS

Supervisor of the Year, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, 2008

Meritorious Service, Alaska Bureau of Investigation, 2006

Detachment Trooper of the Year, Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, 2001

Lead instructor of Wildlife Enforcement, 2007-2015 Supervisory, leadership, work facilitation

Qualified expert witness, Alaska wildlife laws and regulations, Province of Alberta, Canada

Adult/Child first aid, CPR and AED, March, 2016-March, 2018